

REMARKS

Claims 11-24 and 35-68 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 25-34 were canceled in response to a restriction requirement. Claims 11-14, 16-21, 23, 35-38, 40-45 and 47 were amended. Claims 49-68 are new.

The Examiner rejected claims 11-18, 20-24, 35-42 and 44-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,850,531 issued to Rao, et al. (hereinafter "Rao"). The Examiner rejected claims 19 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Rao in view of the Examiner's assertions of what is known. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Independent claim 11, as amended, and new independent claim 55 recite, "a first computing device configured to: ... selectively execute a software application associated with the information packet." Independent claim 35, as amended, recites, "[a] method performed by a first computing device ... comprising: ... selectively executing a software application associated with the information packet." New independent claim 62 recites, "[a] computer-readable memory medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a first computing device of an information processing system to ... [execute] a software application associated with the information packet."

The Examiner appears to identify either forwarding module 10 or system control module 14 of Rao as the claimed first computing device. (See Paragraph 4 of the Office Action, which cites to portions of Rao discussing forward module 10 and system control module 14 of Figure 1). Neither forwarding module 10 nor system control module 14 of Rao "selectively execute a software application," as recited by the amended claims. Thus, Rao cannot possible teach, suggest or motivate the computing device, methods or memory medium as recited by Applicant's claims.

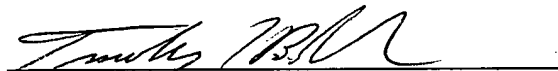
Claims 12-24 and 49-51 depend from claim 11, claims 36-48 and 52-54 depend from claim 35, claims 56-61 depend from claim 55 and claims 63-68 depend from claim 62. Thus, dependent claims 12-24, 49-51, 36-48, 52-54, 56-61 and 63-68 are allowable over Rao for at least the same reasons as for the claims from which they depend.

Therefore, for these reasons and others, since Rao does not teach, suggest or motivate one or more elements or acts of each of Applicant's claims 11-24 and 35-68, Applicant's claims are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Rao. In the event the Examiner disagrees or finds minor informalities, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview to discuss the Examiner's issues and to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Accompanying this Amendment is an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form in the event the Examiner does not agree that the claims are allowable over the cited references.

In closing Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter these amendments and to reconsider this Application and its early allowance. The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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